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Sl. No.	Demands of the Association	Present Status
		associations on the Board of Governors of the Sangathan.
5.	Implementation of Mahajan Committee Report.	The report of the Baldev Mahajan Committee, constituted to consider the issues arising out of the decision to freeze the number of section and the size of individual Vidyalayas in the context of the overall budgetary resources of the KVS, was placed before the Board of Governors.

SC/ST Students in the Human Settlement Management Institute

3527. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1483, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 2000 and state:

- (a) the total year-wise number of students admitted in different faculties/ disciplines in the Human Settlement Management Institute in all levels of courses, during the last five years; and
 - (b) the number of students from SC/ST communities among them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the statutory body for according approval for setting up of technical institutions in the country, has not approved any institute by the name of Human Settlement Management Institute.

SC/ST students in the Institutes of Information Technology and Computer Sciences

3528. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1488, given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 2000 and state:

(a) the total year-wise number of seats offered in different faculties/ disciplines in all the courses in the Institutes of Information Technology and Computer Sciences, receiving the grant-in-aid from the Central Government, during the last five years; and

(b) the number of students from SC/ST communities among them and their percentage?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Sir, Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior (started during 1998-1999) and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (started during 1999-2000) are two Institutes of Information Technology that have been receiving the grant-in-aid from the Central Government, during the last five years. The IIIT, Allahabad, has been running Four-Years Graduate Course in Information Technology and had admitted 15% and 8% students from SC and ST communities respectively—for the last two years, since inception. The IIITM, Gwalior, has been running PGDMIT programme from 1998-99 and Five-years Integrated (PGDMIT/PGDIT) programme from 2000-2001, and the percentage of SC candidates admitted has been more than 15%, ever since inception, ST candidates around 6%. For the other programme PGDIT, started during 1999-2000, no SC/ST candidate could qualify.

Strengthening Elementary Education

3529. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plans to strengthen elementary education set-up in the country, as the present state of educational infrastructure in rural India is rather dismal, as a recent study has revealed that only 38.5 per cent of primary schools have no black boards and about 56 per cent have no pucca buildings; and
- (b) if so, by when elementary education facilities would be available to all the eligible children in the country, by augmenting State Government resources in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations in strengthening elementary education infrastructure through Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes such as Operation Blackboard and District Primary Education Programme (DPEP).